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Mark Petrilli, State Director  
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Dear Mark:

Based on the recommendation of the team that reviewed the Illinois Small Business Development Center, the Accreditation Committee voted at its September 15, 2006 meeting to fully accredit the Illinois SBDC program with all conditions met. Accreditation qualifies you to apply for SBA funds administered by the Office of Small Business Development Centers. Your next regularly scheduled review will be in the year 2010 and your accreditation will expire on December 31, 2010.

I want to congratulate you and your staff for achieving this important milestone. I know considerable effort over a long period of time has gone into attaining the goal of accreditation. You and your staff have achieved much during the process and the Illinois SBDC is commended for its success. I know, as well, your program is continuing to pursue excellence, and I wish you well in this endeavor.

Accreditation is important for each SBDC and is imperative if the SBDC Program is to be a uniformly high quality delivery system for the federal government and our host institutions and states.

Again, congratulations to you and all the members of your SBDC team!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darryl Mleynek".

Darryl Mleynek  
Chair, ASBDC Certification Committee

cc: Antonio Doss, Associate Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration  
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